

**MINUTES OF BELNAP OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES
TELECONFERENCE CALL ON 20 FEBRUARY 2005**

Those on line were: Richard D. Belnap and Rich Belnap (Vinson), Glenda H. Guinn and Dorothy G. Harper (Martha Jane), Pat B. Johnson (Joseph), Iola B. Murray (Francis Marion), W. Dean Belnap and Wallace Belnap (Oliver), Mark Goodmansen and Lois Goodmansen (Lola), Jim Marriott (Gilbert Rosel), Kathy Robinson (William James), Edith M. Ward and Florence Ilene Ward (Amasa), Marilyn T. Lee (Adaline), Steven Belnap and Joy M. Belnap (Hyrum), totaling 17 on line.

At 6:30 p.m. President Richard welcomed all and asked Dean Belnap to offer the invocation. Richard then asked if Joy would be the acting secretary for this conference to take minutes and she accepted.

Richard mentioned a correction on the information about Sir Robert Belknap. Sir Robert comes down through the Woodneys, Selbys, Hutchinsons into the Knight line—not the McBride line as previously mentioned. Mark asked if we had any pedigrees on this line. Richard said we did starting with John Belknap in 1293. Dean asked if any work has been done. Richard said that it has been very frustrating as one person's work has been done 165 different times in 25 different temples, none with original dates. Florence said to send in information by IGI directly to Salt Lake. Richard then said to be patient as President Hinckley has said he wants these temple records straightened out. This is where the family representatives play a big part. Dean said it was good news of John Belknap in 1293 as an earlier record than in the past. Roger D. Beltoft was mentioned and Mark told of other Beltofts in Lincolnshire.

Richard asked if any had other concerns. We need additional representatives. Any suggestions? Florence said we need two vice presidents as well as a secretary. Glenda was asked if she would be secretary and she said she would do her best.

Florence said we need to get E-mail addresses. Richard said we could save money if we put the "Crier" on the internet. Not everyone has access. Besides, the sale of the "Crier" is our best money-maker to help pay for reunion expenses.

Richard stressed the need to update postal addresses as well as E-mail addresses. Edith seconded that. They change often and we need to keep up on them. Some E-mails are bouncing and they are not being received. Richard will get an updated list.

The Belnap constitution says each family should appoint their own representatives and this is not happening. We need a commitment from each family to see they are represented. Iola said the Francis Marion line is holding a reunion this year. This is the way it should be. Each family to hold their reunion on the odd years and the Belnap Family Organization to hold the reunion on the even years. This way it is easier to attend both.

There was not a by-laws update as Brent was not on line. He and others have been working on this. Dean said he would be delighted to see what we can come up with. He wrote the first ones. We need to be sure we have a tax shelter. He said to wait for Brent to have a

lawyer's input.

The address list for the whole family is an ongoing process. Richard said to send addresses to him piece meal and he will get them to whoever. Steven said to send all addresses (new and changes) directly to him, as he is the one who does the mailing. Glenda, Dorothy and Edith asked Steven to send them what he has on their lines. Jim said he sent a list to Brent last fall. The addresses needed are for heads of families and adult children who are on their own. Steven's address is the one for the Belnap Family Organization: 5391 South 550 East, Ogden, Utah 84405. Steven's E-mail address is: stevenb@mcoffice.com.

The next "Crier" will have to be discussed later as Don Hammon was not on line.

Our next reunion for 2006 is scheduled for Idaho—somewhere near Rexburg. It will be August 13 (second Saturday). It is not known if the new LDS Temple will be completed by then in Rexburg, but perhaps there would still be something to view. If it is, perhaps a temple session could be arranged. Florence volunteered to make arrangements for a park and building in Rexburg. Richard said the reunion needs to have an entertainment center for kids. Have a theme such as cowboys, pirates, etc. Have skits, outdoor games such as baseball. Ideas were discussed briefly. It is important that our reunions make a memorable experience for children so they will want to come to reunions in the future.

Dean suggested a square dance for the youth in the cultural hall. Edith asked if we could have Ricks College help. Not needed. Richard said we need each family to participate. We will have a budget to work with. We need someone to manage the fish pond, candy search, baseball game, etc. Keep everyone busy and involved. Jim suggested BYU Idaho has a management recreational program that could help. Florence will look into this. We all need to be involved to make our reunions successful.

Iola mentioned she has found errors on her temple records. Richard said we need to clean out the garbage on our records. Examples were given. Florence said we need to keep what we do have (documentation). She said that on "temple ready" records sent in we only have three days to do the work before someone else comes in and does it for us. Several temples get the same names to do from different relatives. We need to coordinate with family members to eliminate duplication.

Dean mentioned that work done for Eric-the-One-Eye, a Saxon King of the 8th Century, has been done 18 times. BYU students are redoing temple work.

Website not discussed as Don was not on line.

Mark is doing temple work on Sir Robert Belknap line. He needs pedigree charts, etc., to coordinate research. Not any new names yet. Dean said that even if lines don't connect now, keep on doing the work as they may be able to connect later.

Richard suggested we have a research committee to keep from doing the same work over and over. We need to have someone to clean out lines. Edith suggested Florence as a temple

coordinator. Richard said to do collateral lines also, not just main lines. The Eunice Hall line was discussed. Maxine Belnap has done extensive research on both Eunice lines with not much success.

Florence asked when the next meeting will be. Richard asked if we would like a face-to-face meeting or a conference call. The majority were in favor of the conference call. Richard will set up a conference call for the second Sunday in April. This will be April 10, at 6:30 p.m. MDT (daylight savings in effect). Florence said we need to get the information out earlier.

Jim asked Steven to send him addresses on the Gilbert Rosel line. Florence wants to be put in as a vice president. It was mentioned that Vyril Baker (85) is the last living grandchild of Gilbert. Several people had signed off line by this time so no closing prayer was given. The remaining people signed off line at about 7:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap